

## **Cudahy Joins Initiative to Promote Business Growth around the Airport**

**CUDAHY** – (December 18, 2009) – The City of Cudahy is joining forces with other municipalities, organizations and businesses to foster economic development and job growth around General Mitchell International Airport.

Called the Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis, the mission of the new non-profit corporation is to “link the region’s air, rail, road and shipping transportation capabilities. The public-private partnership will focus on the creation and implementation of a comprehensive strategy to generate the growth of business and communities around the airport.”

The Cudahy Common Council adopted a resolution this week in support of the Gateway Aerotropolis. The partnership is being formed out of the Airport Area Economic Development Task Force, which has been meeting for the past two years.

“It is in the best interest of all communities around General Mitchell Airport to back the unification and growth of businesses and infrastructure surrounding the airport,” said Cudahy Mayor Ryan McCue. “Aerotropolises have been and continue to be developed around some of the largest airports in the world, including Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Hong Kong and Paris.”

The Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis is seeking the support of representatives from eight municipalities, as well as officials from the airport, the Port of Milwaukee, businesses and business associations, civic and labor organizations and the state and federal government.

The Airport Gateway Business Association (AGBA) Board of Directors has authorized the appropriation of up to \$15,000 in start-up costs for the Gateway Aerotropolis. Lara Fritts, the Director of the City of Cudahy Department of Economic Development, serves on the board.

Gateway leaders say Dr. John Kasarda will assist with the creation of an economic development plan. Dr. Kasarda has published more than 100 articles and nine books on aviation infrastructure, economic development, competitiveness and commercial real estate. He also is Director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina’s Kenan-Flagler Business School.

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## **Common Council Approves 2020 Comprehensive Plan**

**CUDAHY** – (December 16, 2009) –Cudahy has a new blueprint for the city’s future business growth over the next 10 to 20 years.

The Common Council unanimously approved the 2020 Comprehensive Plan at its meeting Tuesday night.

The 2020 Comprehensive Plan updates and replaces Cudahy’s 1994 Comprehensive Plan and 1999 Downtown Plan. It will create a consistent vision for the type, location and appearance of development in the city, in an effort to enhance the community’s prosperity and quality of life.

Many business owners, developers, community members and government stakeholders provided input throughout the planning process.

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**PROPERTY TAX BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL**  
**Many Cudahy Homeowners Will See a Reduction in Their Taxes**

CUDAHY -- (December 11, 2009) -- Homeowners eager to pay their property taxes should be able to do so within the next few days. Property tax bills are now in the mail, after the Cudahy Clerk Treasurer's Office determined the tax rate for 2009.

The rate per thousand dollars of evaluation has decreased from 2008 by three cents. The 2009 tax rate is \$24.13 per \$1,000. On the average home of \$160,000, this should reflect a decrease in your net taxes of approximately \$25.

"The City of Cudahy worked really hard to hold the line on property taxes while still maintaining the quality services that residents expect," said Mayor Ryan McCue. "We're so pleased that homeowners will be able to keep a little more money in their pockets this holiday season."

City Clerks offer these helpful tips for residents planning to come to City Hall to pay their property tax bills:

- Have your check filled out before you come to City Hall
- Put your tax key number or parcel number on your check
- Bring your tax bill or a copy of your bill with you
- Pay your water bill and/or pet license fee with a separate check

In an ongoing effort to conserve money, City Hall will NOT be open for tax collection on New Year's Eve day. Homeowners are asked to place payments in the night depository box at City Hall. Payments in the box will be considered paid on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Several financial institutions in Cudahy also will accept property tax payments. For a complete list, as well as instructions on how to make installment payments, visit the City of Cudahy's website, [www.cudahy-wi-gov](http://www.cudahy-wi-gov), and click on "Property Tax Info."

If you need further assistance, call the City of Cudahy Treasurer's office at 769-2204 or 769-2203.

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